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HILL DOMINATING LENS WRESTED FROM HUNS

U. S. Forms \$40,000,000 Corporation To Buy Up Wheat Crop

ORDER ON APPEALS RECEIVED

Instructions From Provost General Crowder Advise Registration Board How to Proceed With Draft Appeal Hearings and Outline Status of Dependency

EXECUTIVE OFFICER F. J. GREEN of the central board of registration received today through the mail further instructions from Brig. Gen. Enoch H. Crowder, relating to the draft. The letters deal especially with the status of married men as to their exemption from draft.

"The selective service does not require discharges in all cases of technical legal dependency but only permits discharges where in view of dependency a discharge is advisable," says one of the letters.

"Local boards may well hold that a marriage hastily consummated recently, and especially one consummated by a person after he has been called to present himself for examination to determine his fitness for military services, does not create a status of dependency in which it is advisable to grant discharge. It is to be expected that local boards will exercise this full discretion in cases where they are convinced that unscrupulous persons have thus violated the principles of the selective service law in the hope of escaping a duty that is rightly theirs and of passing that duty to some one else."

Boards are advised to keep the public informed as to persons claiming exemption and the names of those discharged, and all other general information of this sort. It is pointed out that as the names of all registered men are on a list in order, the rejection or acceptance of every individual concerns the entire district or state.

Also it is pointed out that the pay a soldier now receives makes it possible for him to send considerable allowance to those at home.

"Please call attention to the fact that a soldier's pay is not less than \$30 a month and that all clothing, subsistence, medical treatment and housing are furnished him. Under the law he may allot any portion of his pay to a dependent," says General Crowder.

"Many soldiers receiving \$30 a month are easily able to allot \$25 monthly to the support of dependents."

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Stowaway Is Held For U. S. As Slacker

Youth, Island Born, of German Father, Found Secreted Aboard Matsonia

FOUND lurking among some potato sacks on the first night out from San Francisco, Fred Hollerson, a stowaway aboard the Matsonia, was held for delivery to the federal authorities here on the suspicion that he is trying to evade the military draft in California. Nominally, Hollerson during the voyage was in the custody of Arthur McDuffie, chief of the Honolulu detective bureau, but he was forced to earn his passage to the islands by working on the ship.

Hollerson is an island youth and was born in Honolulu of a German father and a Portuguese mother, but has been in California for some time. His father is still a resident of the island and a sister is married to an employee of a local men's furnishing store.

After Hollerson was discovered, he was accused of being a military slacker. To this he replied by producing a registration card, which showed that he registered in Solano county, California. But he could give no satisfactory reason for his desire and haste to get back to the islands. It was surmised that he was leaving California because his number had been drawn in the draft.

Hollerson will be turned over to the federal authorities until they can communicate with the California military boards and determine if he is wanted there.

'NERVES' WILL BAR RECRUIT FROM ARMY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—Unusual pains will be taken to weed out of the war army all men whose nerves are in the least afflicted. Surgeon General Gorgas has organized a corps of 150 nerve specialists for the purpose and one of them will examine every man under training at the national army cantonments. An official announcement today says that no man can be expected to make a good soldier under present methods of warfare if he has any organic nervous disease, any mental defect or any touch of insanity, or if he is chronically addicted to the use of alcohol. These diseases, says the statement, are very likely to escape the scrutiny of those who conduct the admission physical examination.

OFFERS AIRMAN \$25,000 IF HE BOMBS BERLIN

California Oil Magnate Wants Son to Be First American to Hit Kaiser's Lair

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 15.—Aviator Leslie Murty, a member of the American aviation corps, has been offered a big inducement to bombard Berlin when he gets into active service in the European battlefield.

It was learned here today that his father, who is a California oil magnate, has offered the intrepid aviator a bonus of \$25,000 if he should be the first American to drop a bomb into Germany's capital.

Thirty-five other relatives of the young man have clubbed together and raised a further purse of \$35,000 for the same feat.

FINS TRIED FOR ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP NORSE SHIPS

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, August 15.—Seven Finlanders and two Germans are now on trial charged with transporting explosives from Germany to Norway with the intention of placing the bombs in coal consigned to Norwegian ships with the purpose of destroying Norwegian shipping. It is claimed that the plotters were paid by Germany through the Teuton espionage headquarters at Stockholm.

REORGANIZATION OF PUNAHOU SCHOOL COURSE PLANNED TO INTRODUCE MANUAL TRAINING

President Griffiths of Oahu College Returns Bringing Plans for Widening of Educational Scope of Academy and Prep School—Junior High System to Be Introduced if Sanctioned by Trustees

ANTICIPATING changes in the course of study and organization of the Punahou academy and Punahou preparatory school which will involve radical departures from the present system, A. F. Griffiths, president of the Oahu College, returned to Honolulu this morning with his wife and daughter after a year's vacation on the mainland where he made an extensive study of preparatory schools.

"We will probably incorporate manual training in the course of study of the pupils of the preparatory school and the academy," declared Mr. Griffiths. "I have made an extensive investigation of this work as it is carried on in leading schools on the mainland and have found it very valuable from an educational point of view."

"The adoption of such a course of study would mean that the pupils of the academy would receive training in wood and iron work and the girls training in cooking and sewing," stated Mr. Griffiths.

NATION TO FIX PRICES

Government at Instigation of Food Control Body Acts to Stabilize Prices and Prevent Speculation; Special Commission Will Regulate Sales

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 15.—It was announced today that the government has taken drastic action to prevent undue speculation in wheat, and has formed a \$50,000,000 corporation to take over the entire wheat crop of the United States for 1917 with a view to stabilizing prices.

The corporation was formed by the food control board, and will maintain agencies at the different terminals operated by dealers.

Prices will be fixed by a commission headed by President Garfield of Williams' College.

VIENNA'S HAND SEEN IN PAPAL PEACE PROFFER

London Looks on Proposal of "Status Quo" as Being Too Much to Germany's Liking and Indications Are Allies Will Reject Suggestions

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

LONDON, England, August 15.—An English authoritative source today is quoted as saying the so-called peace terms proposed by Pope Benedict have a distinctly German flavor and, according to this authority, are believed to have emanated from Rome through Austria, which is a pronounced Catholic nation, as a test to sound out the Allies' frame of mind in the interval since the German tentative peace offer.

In British circles the peace terms would revert to the status quo which is considered as just what Germany is striving for.

It is expected that the various members of the Entente will reply to the papal proffer individually and no joint answer will be promulgated.

Some newspapers here also attribute the peace move of Pope Benedict to Austrian influence, while others are refraining from passing any comment until an official version is published. Indications are that the terms are unacceptable to the Entente.

The Times, leading English newspaper, expresses astonishment at the Vatican's ignorance of the opinions held by the Allies and the United States. "The whole tenor," says the paper, editorially, of the note bears the mark of German inspection."

\$8,660,480 ESTIMATED DRAFT COST

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—The cost of drafting America's first great national army—from registration to armament—was placed by Secretary Baker today at \$8,660,480 in his estimates to congress.

This amount includes all other head expenses of registration, examination and selection. It is based on registration of ten million, examination of approximately five million and enrolment of 1,187,000.

The organization includes a personnel of more than 18,000 persons.

KERENSKY CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

Tells British Monarch Russia Will Soon Find Strength to Win Victory

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

PETROGRAD, Russia, August 15.—Premier Kerensky today in replying to a recent hopeful message from King George of England, declared he is confident Russia will eventually find the necessary strength to surmount her present serious trials and will present a front strong enough to insure carrying the war to successful conclusion, "a consummation which will be worthy the terrible sacrifices already made in the struggle of might against right."

PRESS OF GERMANY RAPS CENSORS FOR HIDING WAR WIRE

Gerard's Disclosure of Kaiser's Message to Wilson on Belgium's Violation Arouses a Storm

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Aug. 15.—The press in Germany is severely criticizing the censor for preventing the publication of United States Ambassador Gerard's disclosures regarding the purported telegram from Kaiser Wilhelm to President Wilson of the United States, declaring that the invasion of Belgium was done from "military necessity."

Chancellor Kuehlmann's explanation is declared feeble in the extreme. A question of ministerial responsibility for the Kaiser's autographed document will be raised in the reichstag. All press comments combine in knocking hard the Kaiser's officialdom.

JAPANESE WARSHIP SUNK IN RUSS WAR FINALLY IS FOUND

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)

TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 15.—After a search for 13 years the torpedo boat No. 53, owned by the Japanese government, has been located. It was found at the bottom of the bay at Port Arthur yesterday.

During the Russian-Japanese war the harbor of Port Arthur was mined, and the Russian fleet lay at anchor in the harbor. The torpedo boat rushed through the mine section and sunk the Sebastopol. The Japanese boat never returned to its base.

60 KILLED IN RUSS RY. SMASH

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

PETROGRAD, Russia, August 15.—In a collision today at Moscow between a freight and a passenger train 60 were killed and 150 injured.

HART BACK IS FREED ON \$3500 BAIL

Indictments Against Him Made Public Charge Conversion of Other's Money to His Own Use and Appropriation of Mining Stock

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

CHARGES AGAINST HART
Conversion to his own use of money amounting approximately to \$532.38, the property of a local business man.

Twenty-five thousand shares of stock in the Wilbert Mining Co., of Utah, valued at \$500, the property of a Honolulu man.
Twenty-five thousand shares of stock in the Success Mining Co., valued at \$6250, the property of the same man.

INDICTMENTS returned by the territorial grand jury against Lione R. A. Hart, former local representative of the brokerage firm of Charles A. Stoneham & Co. of New York, charging him with embezzlement, were taken from the secret file in Circuit Judge Heen's court this morning and read to the defendant, who arrived in the steamer Matsonia in custody of Detective Captain Arthur McDuffie.

Hart, who has grown a trifle stouter since his sudden departure from Honolulu some months ago, was accompanied by his attorney, William B. Lymer. His wife occupied a seat in the rear of the visitors' gallery. The two indictments, each charging that the defendant converted to his own use money and shares of stock belonging to two Honolulu business men, were read by City Attorney Arthur M. Brown. Hart's attorney, who said he had only a few minutes to confer with his client, asked that plea be reserved until Saturday morning, August 25, at 9 o'clock.

The court fixed Hart's bond at \$3500 on the first charge and allowed him to be released on his own recognizance on the second charge. Hart's attorney furnished the bond, the U. S. Fidelity Co., represented by the Waterhouse Trust Co., being surety.

The first indictment charges that Hart converted to his own use money to the amount of \$532.38, the property of a Honolulu business man. The second indictment charges two offenses: First, that Hart converted to his own use 25,000 shares of the stock of the Wilbert Mining Co. of Utah, valued at \$500, and, second, that he converted (Continued on page two)

Fern Asserts Davis Opinion Is All Wrong

Mayor Says He Has the Right to Name City Engineer as Vacancy Was Created in Office; Holds Board is Ill-Advised on Subject

MAYOR JOSEPH J. FERN takes issue with Deputy City Attorney Charles S. Davis on the legal opinion recently rendered by the latter holding that the appointive power of the mayor does not include the naming of the city and county engineer. Among other things, Mayor Fern contends that the legal opinion is erroneous.

He relies on Section 1704 of the revised laws of Hawaii, 1915, which reads as follows: "The mayor, with the approval of the board of supervisors, shall appoint all officers of the city and county whose election or appointment is not otherwise specially provided for in this chapter, or by law. When a vacancy occurs in any office, and provision is not otherwise made in this chapter, or by law, for filling the same, the mayor, with new approval, shall appoint a suitable person to fill such vacancy who shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term."

Under the section quoted, Mayor Fern this morning told the Star-Bulletin that he believed the board of supervisors has been ill-advised. "I have Appointed Wilson" "The appointing power is vested in (Continued on page 2)

CANADIANS IN NEW ONSLAUGHT CAPTURE IMPORTANT POSITION

Latest Success of British Considered One of Greatest of Year as Allies Now Half Encircle City Rendering Teuton Position Untenable

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

BRITISH FRONT, August 15.—Hand to hand fighting is now going on in the city of Lens between the Canadians and the German infantry.

BRITISH FRONT, August 15.—The fall of Lens now seems reasonably certain within a few days at the utmost as the result of the latest British victory this morning when Hill No. 70, an eminence dominating this hotly contested objective fell before the combined pounding of the British big guns and the fierce swoop of the English infantry. Hill 70 is the last German stronghold in this section of the battle arena.

As in all previous important successes of the last six months, the honor of victory fell to the stalwart Canadians who after days of incessant artillery fire advanced to the attack this morning at 4:25 under a terrific barrage fire. The advance was carried out on a front of 4000 yards. The Germans put up a stiff defense but with bayonet and machine gun fire the Teutons were forced back step by step after fierce and bloody onslaughts and finally forced to yield the much coveted ground.

In military circles the capture is considered one of the most important of the year as it is believed the transfer of this eminence to British hands will make Lens' further occupation by the Germans untenable. Hill 70 was considered impregnable by the Teutons and with its fall the city of Lens, with its immense coal and iron deposits, is now half encircled by the British armies.

British forces today also pushed German outposts back across the Steenbeke river.

GEN. HAIG REPORTS PROGRESS

LONDON, England, August 15.—Gen. Haig's latest report declares that the British are making satisfactory progress between Loos and Lens.

GERMANS BEATEN AT VERDUN

PARIS, France, August 15.—The French troops have made further progress near Dixmude. Intense German attacks on Verdun were repulsed today.

RUSSO-RUMANS HARD PRESSED

BERLIN, Germany, August 15.—Gen. von Mackensen is continuing his pursuit of the retreating Russo-Rumanian armies on both sides of the Putna, driving the enemy into the mountains.

Progress is also reported on the Sereth river, and the victorious Teutons have captured 3000 prisoners.

EX-CZAR AND EMPRESS TO BE SENT TO SIBERIA FORT

PETROGRAD, Russia, August 15.—Nicholas, deposed czar, and his consort Empress Alexandra are to be transported from the fortress Tarkseloe to Siberia. The provisional government in view of the German influence as exerted in the recent uprisings and demoralization of the army fears attempts may be made to liberate the royal prisoners and is taking extra precautions to prevent such an attempt. The point of their future captivity is Tobolsk, capital of a province in west Siberia. The news of his transfer is reported to have made Nicholas extremely sad but the Empress accepts the decree with equanimity and is making an effort to appear cheerful.

War reports today admit the capture by the Germans of Ocna, in Moldavia.

NICHOLAS SPIRITED AWAY

PETROGRAD, Russia, August 15.—It is rumored here that the royal family was spirited away under circumstances shrouded in mystery. They occupied ordinary sleepers.